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Title: FROZEN FOOD PRODUCT :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Although the above-identified International application has been amended under Article 34, applicants request that examination in the United States National Phase be based on the claims as originally filed in the International application, and this Preliminary Amendment is based thereon. Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 3 and 4, line 1: Delete "or 2".  
Claims 5 and 6, line 1: Change "any preceding claim" to -- claim 1 --.  
Claim 10, line 1: Change "any one of claims 7 to 9" to -- claim 7 --.  
Claim 11, line 1: Change "any one of claims 7 to 10" to -- claim 7 --.